# COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

*31st of July 1929.*

**Wednesday**, *the* ——————

*16th of Karkadagam 1104.*

The House met at Half past Eleven of the Clock with the President in the Chair. Messrs. C. Barton Wright, E. Ikkanda Warriar, S. S. Koder, Ouseph P. Kundukulam and A. Sankara Menon were absent.

## Questions and Answers.

### Toddy shops.

**61. Mr. C. J. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the number of toddy shops which were sold in auction for the years 1103 and 1104 ;

(2) the amounts of the auction sale for all those shops together during the years 1103 and 1104 ;

(3) the total number of shops which could not be sold in auction on the appointed dates in the different taluks during the years 1103 and 1104 with reasons in each case for not selling them ;

(4) whether there are any cases of toddy shops being given away without auction during 1103 and 1104 and if so, to whom, which shops and when ;

(5) whether there is any definite provision regarding the number of trees that may be tapped for each shop ?

**Mr. C. V. Antony.**—(1) 429 and 418 respectively.

(2) Rs. 4,71,325 and Rs. 5,29,145 respectively.

(3) Vide statement appended. (*Appendix* I.) The shops were not sold for want of reasonable bids due to combination amongst the bidders,

(4) No. The latter part of the question does not arise.

(5) Yes. The minimum number of trees that should be applied for with each original application is

1. Cocoanut 20 trees.
2. Sago 10 trees.
3. Palmyras 15 trees.

But a shop-keeper may apply for more trees, but in that case the Superintendent has power to limit the number of trees to the actual requirements of the shop.

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## APPENDIX I.

(*Vide answer to question No. 61.*)

Statement of toddy shops unsold on the appointed dates.

| *Taluk* | *1103.* | *1104.* |
|---|---|---|
| Kanayannur | 3 | 6 |
| Cochin | 34 | 5 |
| Cranganur | 10 | nil |
| Mukundapuram | 6 | nil |
| Trichur | nil | nil |
| Talappalli | 1 | nil |
| Chittur | 5 | nil |

## APPENDIX II.

(*Vide answer to question No. 74.*)

Remarks regarding Stoneware Factory.

'It has given me pleasure to visit this Stoneware Factory. It has been planned and built on a sufficiently large scale to be a commercial success. It is very well equipped for the works it has to do. The commercial side requires to be looked after better. Marketing and securing orders for the things which are in demand is quite as important a part of the business as the technical knowledge required for producing high class pottery and I feel sure that if the commercial side is properly organised this Factory will be a complete success'.

12th May 1929. (Signed) MALAVIYA.

Remarks regarding Tanneries.

"This Factory has been well planned and seems to be very well equipped. It is a matter of regret that it is not working. I understand that it needs only working capital. It seems to be like a railway which has been laid out and provided with trains, but which is lying unused for want of the necessary supply of coal and water. If these are found I see no reason why this should not work successfully. The matter requires close looking into. I hope the working capital will be found by a further loan from the Government. A manager or assistant manager should be appointed or told off to devote his whole attention to marketing the product of the factory and of securing orders".

12th May 1929. (Signed) M. M. MALAVIYA.

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